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1. WE NOTE THAT THE US IS INITIATING CONSULTATIONS WITH FRANCE, BELGIUM AND BRITAIN ON THE ZAIRE SITUATION AND FURTHER STEPS TO BE TAKEN.
2. WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO INCLUDE THE FRG IN SUCH CONSULTATIONS.
3. ALTHOUGH THE GERMANS DO NOT HAVE THE DEPTH OF INVOLVEMENT IN ZAIRE AS, FOR EXAMPLE, BELGIUM OR FRANCE, THEY COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE IN ANY PLANS FOR ECONOMIC SUPPORT. THEY ARE INVOLVED IN THE MOBUTU PLAN AND WOULD PROBABLY BE INTERESTED IN COORDINATING OUR CONCEPTS FOR AID AND PERHAPS EVEN FOR SOME POLITICAL MEASURE. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE NOTE STATE SECRETARY VAN
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WELL'S REMARK TO THE AMBASSADOR (REF B) THAT GENSCHER SEES A NEED FOR A MORE CLOSELY CONCERTED WESTERN APPROACH TO AFRICA IN LIGHT OF INCREASING CUBAN/GDR INVOLVEMENT.

4. WILE WE BELIEVE THE FRG WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE

PROSPECTIVE CONSULTATIONS, WE ENTERTAIN SERIOUS DOUBTS
THAT THE GERMANS WOULD BE WILLING TO JOIN ANY PROPOSED
INTERNATIONAL MILITARY FORCE.
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